MR. CHAIRMAN : Q No 143

Police personnel killed in Delhi

†143. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that quite a few police personnel were killed in Delhi while performing duties during the last three years, if so, what are the details in this regard.

(b) what is the amount of compensation paid to each of the families of such personnel; and

(c) whether Government will consider some kind of insurance cover for them in order to ensure adequate compensation to the families of police personnel killed while on duty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The details of the cases in which Delhi Police personnel were killed while performing duty during the last 3 years viz from the 1st November, 1984 to 31st October, 1987, are indicated below The amount of compensation paid to the families is also indicated against each case :—

1 Constable Jagmal Singh was killed on 4 April, 1985 when he had gone to village Chandpur to apprehend Havaldar Chand Ram who had earlier assaulted a Sub-Inspector of Police Station Narela

Pension equivalent to the last pay drawn has been granted to the widow of Constable Jagmal Singh A sum of Rs. 15,000/- has also been paid to the bereaved family out of the Delhi Police Mutual Benefit Fund.

2 Constable Vijender Singh was shot dead by terrorists on 4 September, 1985 when he was performing duty as Personnel Security Officer to Shri Arjun Das, Member, Metropolitan Council

Pension equivalent to the last pay drawn has been granted to the widow of Constable Vijender Singh A sum of Rs 50,000/- has also been sanctioned as ex-gratia A further sum of Rs 15,000/- has been paid from the Delhi Police Mutual Benefit Fund.

3 Constable Rajinder Singh had gone along with a Police party to village Puran Nagar in District Bulandshahar for apprehending an accused in a criminal case, where he was fired at and succumbed to injuries on the 2 December, 1986

Pension equivalent to the last pay drawn has been sanctioned A sum of Rs 15,000/- out of the Delhi Police Mutual Benefit Fund has also been paid to the bereaved family.

4 Sub Inspector Man Singh and Constable Des Raj had gone to village Sheerajpur in Uttar Pradesh on the 25 October, 1986 in connection with investigation of a criminal case where they were attacked and as a result of which both of them died.

Pension equivalent to the last pay drawn has been sanctioned for the bereaved families A sum of Rs 15,000/- out of the Delhi Police Mutual Benefit Fund has also been sanctioned for each of the bereaved family

5. Constable Mahinder Singh while apprehending 2 youngsters involved in a quarrel was stabbed and as a result died on 28 December, 1986

Pension equivalent to the last pay drawn has been sanctioned A sum of Rs 15,000/- out of the Delhi Police Mutual Benefit Fund has also been paid.

The Government have made adequate provisions to ensure that the families of those who are killed while performing duty do not suffer hardship As such, there is no need for having any other insurance cover, apart from the Group Insurance Scheme already applicable

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Mr Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I would like to add that apart from the names mentioned in the statement, 21 other police personnel died on duty. But these deaths took place due to accidents

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, persons who join police service, they do not join because of any patriotic reasons but because of economic reasons Unlike other civil servants, they are exposed to unexpected dangers Therefore, our police jawans should have a feeling of security such as housing for their dependents, jobs for their dependents after their sudden death while on duty Has the Government considered this aspect to equalise the standard of efficiency expected from them with other services ?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM Sir, I can read out the package of benefits which are given to the police personnel in Delhi in case of death

MR CHAIRMAN . Is it a very long list ?

SOME HON. MEMBERS Is it not given in the reply ?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM No it is not given in the reply Sir, I will give the headlines only. (1) We give provident fund, this is subject to a limit of Rs. 10,000/-; (2) Group Insurance Scheme; (3) payment of minimum of 12 months' emoluments as gratuity; (4) family pension at double the rates admissible; (5) employment for a dependent family member or a near relation, (6) encashment of leave standing at the credit of government servant Apart from that, Sir, family pension is admissible to the widow in certain cases equal to the last drawn pay of the deceased government servant We are giving educational allowance for children and where the government servant dies as bachelor, certain pensions are available to the family Apart from all these, ex-gratia awards up to Rs. 1 lakh is sanctioned depending on the merits of each case This is under constant review. If the hon Member would like to make some suggestions, we are willing to look into those suggestions to see how best this package of benefits can be improved

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Sir, our police has still three types of weapons Still they have danda, still they have .303 guns and some of them have automatic weapons. But do you think the terrorists with whom they have to deal and who are all better equipped with sophisticated weapons can be matched with police personnel ? Therefore, will the hon. Minister consider the question of equipping the police personnel with better arms for self-protection and for the protection of people for whom the police has been provided ?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, automatic weaons are now being issued to our police personnel and this is again a matter which is constantly under review and certain special weapons are also made available to certain special units

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Sir, in a number of countries, widows or legal heirs of police personnel killed while on duty are paid very handsome compensation But in our country and specially in Delhi police, the widows or legal heirs of the police personnel killed are made to run from pillar to post to get their compensation or dues There is no Cell to monitor the disbursement of amount due to them I would like to ask from the hon Minister whether there is any proposal for the creation of a new cell in Delhi which would extend all possible assistance to the widows of police personnel killed while on duty. If so, when this cell will be set up Sir, in Central Government when a Government servant dies in harness his next legal heirs or a son or a daughter is given employment forthwith I would like to ask from the hon Minister whether such proposal is there for Delhi Police If not, what steps are being taken in this regard.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM . Sir, with great respect to the hon Member, I do not think it is necessary to create any separate cell. I think this is the responsibility of the police administration headed by the Commissioner of Police The six cases where police personnel were killed due to violent action in 1984 to 1987 have all been settled and I have given the details of the compensation paid to them In respect of the other 21 cases in which Police personnel died during the period, compensation has been paid If the hon Member

points out any particular case where any injustice is done, I am willing to look into it. I do not think a separate cell will improve the matter. It is part of the responsibility of the Personnel Administration of the Delhi Police. As far as giving employment is concerned, as I have already stated, employment is given for a dependent family member or a near relative.

MR CHAIRMAN : He only wants to know whether you will do something for the widows to get compensation

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : In every case we have given it. If there is a particular case in which we have not given he may point out.

MR. CHAIRMAN He wants it to be given quickly to the widows.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM We have done it and we will do it quickly.

श्री धीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय मन्त्री जी ने पांच केसेज बताए हैं। पांच कांस्टेबल और एक सबइन्स्पेक्टर की डैथ की चर्चा इन्होंने की है और सभी लोगों को 15 हजार रुपए की परिवार पेंशन उन्होंने दी है और एक को 50 हजार रुपये भी दी है। माननीय मन्त्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह भेदभाव क्यों है? क्या मरने वालों के परिवारों के किसी व्यक्ति को वे इम्पलायमेंट देते हैं? क्या इन पांच पुलिस कर्मचारियों के परिवार के किसी व्यक्ति को इम्पलायमेंट दी गई है?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I have read out the standard package of benefits. All those benefits are given

श्री धीरेन्द्र वर्मा : यह तो सुन लिया है। हम तो यह जानना चाहेंगे कि यह जो उत्तर दिया है जिसमें पांच कांस्टेबल की चर्चा है पांच आदमियों को 15 हजार रुपये और एक को 50 हजार रुपये दिये हैं इसका क्या कारण है ? क्या उसका खून कुछ ज्यादा गाढ़ा था इसका क्या कारण है?

MR CHAIRMAN He wants to know why you gave more to a particular person आप सीधा ही पूछ लेते तो आसानी से जवाब मिल जाता।

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, in all these cases, what are given in the statement are part from the statutory and standard benefits Apart from the standard benefits, we have given compensation

MR CHAIRMAN He wants to know why it is different in one case

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Well, in one case, in the case of Constable Vijender Singh, we have given the widow an ex-gratia payment of 50,000 - and that was not given in other cases Payment of ex gratia is made on the merits of each case by the Police Administration looking into the circumstances in which the Officer was killed. Constable Vijender Singh was shot dead by terrorists on 4th September 1985 when he was performing duty as Personnel Security Officer to Shri Arjun Das, Member, Metropolitan Council Taking into account the circumstances in which the death took place, the Police Administration decided to pay ex gratia Rs. 50,000/- in that matter It is a matter in which the Government has given statutory benefits as well as ex gratia amount. I cannot explain why there is discrimination if one presupposes there is discrimination This is a matter which is decided at the discretion of the Police Administration looking into the totality of the circumstances.

MR CHAIRMAN : That is, special circumstances of the death *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Whether he was shot dead or killed by something else is the basis of discrimination. And nobody could be apprehended by them either

MR CHAIRMAN : We cannot have a general rule in such cases For example, we give Paramvir Chakra to somebdoy and Mahavir Chakra to some other. It depends upon the circumstances

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH What are the circumstances ? *(Interruptions)*

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मान्यवर, इस इस जवाब में यह है कि 25 अक्तूबर, 1986 को सब इन्स्पेक्टर मान सिंह और कांस्टेबल देसराज एक फौजदारी के मामले की जांच पड़ताल करने के संबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश के गांव शिराजपुर गये थे। शायद शिराजपुर उत्तर प्रदेश के मिर्जापुर जिले में है। मैं यह

जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह वही मामला है जिसमें यह आरोप लगाया गया था कि यह पुलिसकर्मी उत्तर प्रदेश में बिना उत्तर प्रदेश के आई. जी. या मिर्जापुर के एस. एस. पी. या जिला मैजिस्ट्रेट की इजाजत के शिराजपुर में जांच पड़ताल करने गये थे?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I do not think it will be proper to hazard a guess. Whether this is the same as the other case, I will find out I will find out whether it is the same or not; I will get the information and then I will answer

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : I want to know why it is so because I know that a lot of policemen (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM You see, you have asked a specific question I should verify first. I do not want to hazard any guess because I will have to verify and give an answer. How can I hazard a guess? I will verify and give an answer.

MR CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr Sukul

SHRI P N SUKUL : Sir, in part (c) of the question, it has been asked whether the Government will consider providing some kind of an insurance cover for those people who are killed while on duty. In answer to that, in the last para of the statement submitted by the Minister, it is mentioned that the Government does not find any need for having any special insurance cover for these people because the Group Insurance Scheme is there Now, Sir, the Group Insurance Scheme is applicable to all, whether they die a natural death or whether they die on duty Then what is the special benefit that you are giving, or what is the special consideration which you are going to show to those who die on duty? The Group Insurance Scheme applies to all who die either of fever or blood pressure or due to any natural causes or who die while on duty But he who dies while performing a duty deserves a special consideration. Will the Government consider providing a special insurance cover to those who die on duty?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM . Sir, it is a suggestion which I will consider

MR CHAIRMAN . Yes, Mr Panwar.

श्री भंवर लाल पंवार सभापति महोदय, प्रश्न के उत्तर में चार इस्टांस इसमें बताये गये हैं और बताया गया है कि 15 हजार रुपये एक्स ग्रेशिया पेमेंट की गयी है। सन् 1982 में मोटर व्हिकिल एक्ट अमेंड करते समय लो फाल्ट लायेबिलिटी के बेस पर 15 हजार रुपये कर दिया गया था तो उसी हिसाब से इसमें किया है। 50 हजार का एक इस्टांस है जो मेरिट्स के ऊपर दिया गया है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से इस सदर्भ में एक निवेदन करना चाहूंगा कि पेंशन इक्विवेलेंट टू द लास्ट पे ड्रान के हिसाब से जो विडो को दिया जाता है, मेरे ध्यान में है कि जो पुलिस कर्मचारी इन्काउंटर्स करते समय या ऐसे हीरोइक इन्सीडेंट्स में मारे जाते हैं तो उनकी सर्विस के लास्ट डेट तक उनको ड्यूटी पर मानते हुए जो बेनीफिट्स, इन्क्रीमेंट्स वगैरह मिलने होते हैं, वे उनके आश्रितों को दिये जाते हैं। मेरे ध्यान में ऐसा ही है। उसे अगर एक स्केल गवर्नमेंट देदे तो अभी जो यह बात उठी कि एक को कम दिया और एक को ज्यादा तो यह बात नहीं आयेगी और उनकी फैमिली को पूरा लाभ मिल जायेगा। तो क्या सरकार इस सदर्भ में विचार करेगी कि पूरे जीवन काल में रेगुलर सर्विस तक पूरे बेनीफिट्स जो ड्यूटी पर होने पर मिलते हैं वे ही उनको दिये जायें। क्या सरकार ऐसा विचार करेगी?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM Sir, I am grateful to the honourable Member In my earlier answer, while reading out, I mentioned this In 1984 orders were issued for the grant of higher pensionary benefits to police personnel exposed, in case of performance of duty, to attacks by armed extremists, criminals etc leading to death or disability. In such cases, the family pension admissible to the widow is equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased Government servant and the family pension is admissible to the widow until her remarriage or death I mentioned this briefly when I narrated the package of benefits

MR CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr Sukomal Sen

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Sir, he has mentioned about the package of benefits and compensation to be given to the policemen killed. Now, Sir, there is a rise in the terrorist activities and even in the city of Delhi, extremist activities are there Recently, in the Chittaranjan Park area, the extremists killed many people Now, in such cases, what happens is that after these killings the police people came So, Sir, I would like to know whether there is really any confrontation with the terrorists by the police Are there such cases? Is it the reason that the package of compensation is not sufficient to inspire the policemen to confront the terrorists? Is it so? Do you think that to inspire the policemen to confront the terrorists or criminals this is sufficient or is it to be increased?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I do not think that is the reason

MR CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr Anand Sharma

SHRI ANAND SHARMA . Sir, it is heartening to note that the Government is giving employment to the dependants of the deceased and even to the dependents of those who die in harness I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is aware that in many cases the dependents keep on struggling for years to get employment, and also as a general rule it is the lowest post which is offered to the dependents of the deceased. There are instances when an officer has died the dependent son who is a graduate or a post-graduate is offered employment as a constable. Will the Government consider offering suitable employment to the dependents of the deceased who die in action?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM Sir, the orders of the Government in this behalf are that employment suitable to the qualification of the dependent family member should be given I am not able to answer the general question of the hon. Member But I agree with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member If he has any specific case in mind where suitable employment in accordance with the qualifications has not been given, I will look into the matter

MR CHAIRMAN : Next question 144.

Terrorist bases in Terai area of U.P.

*144 SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India of the 25th September, 1987 regarding building up of bases by some prominent terrorist groups in the Terai area of Uttar Pradesh for stepping up their unlawful activities in that State; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Government have seen the report

(b) It would not be correct to say that the Terai area in U P is serving as a base for prominent terrorist groups for their unlawful activities However, some incidents have occurred in which some persons have been arrested for criminal activities, including possession of arms in contravention of Arms Act The Government is vigilant and fully alive to the situation

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा मान्यवर, मंत्री जी ने जिस हल्के-फुल्के ढंग से सवाल का जवाब दिया है, मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि भूतपूर्व डी.आई.जी. मान ने हथियापालन में जहां आतंकवाद का एक ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर कायम किया था, उसके बारे में माननीय मंत्री जी पूरा विवरण हमारे सदन को दें। इसके साथ ही तराई में कौन-कौनसे आतंकवादी गुट सक्रिय हैं, इसकी भी पूरी जानकारी हमको मिलनी चाहिए ।

कितने बैंक लूटे गये और कितना रुपया लूटा गया और साथ ही साथ 17 राइफल्स जो लूटी गईं, तो उनमें से कितने राइफल्स आपने

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ram Naresh Kushawaha.